

DISCOVER® Career System

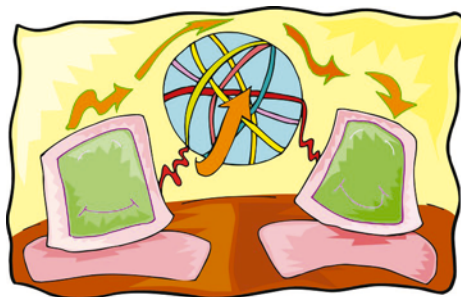
ACT has almost completed the second year of offering an Internet version of DISCOVER® career software. To review and add new locations during the next contract option, we need to know who is interested in using this program at their installation.

DANTES offers DISCOVER® to military education centers and family support centers at no cost. The program can be used to help personnel look at career options that are a good match for them, select a major or program of study, and plan their education. DISCOVER®'s three career assessments (interests, abilities, job values) are scored immediately and suggest career areas that are a good match. Personnel can then use DISCOVER®'s databases of occupations, majors, and schools to assist in making their career and education plans. An online Career Portfolio keeps all information accessible at all times. The resume writing and job search sections are helpful to those transitioning out of active Service, as well as the cross-walk from military to civilian occupations.

The assessments contain sets of norms for high school ages through

adulthood. All military personnel and their immediate family members are authorized users at a licensed installation.

The program is hosted entirely on ACT's servers, which means there is



nothing to load or install at your site. All you need is Internet access (56K or better). Individuals using this version will be able to log on with their unique password from any computer that has Internet access, allowing use at home and other locations, 24/7. No reporting is required to be sent to DANTES if you are using DISCOVER® via the Internet.

More information about the Internet version is available on the ACT Web site at <http://www.act.org/discover>. Be sure to also review the Tech Specs. The Windows® version on CD-ROM is also still available. If you have questions about the Internet version or the Windows® version, please E-mail discover.dantes@act.org, or call Gene Knutson at ACT at 1-800-553-6244, ext. 1052.

If you are switching to a different version, ACT needs your response in

order to plan for the update cycle in January. If you would like to be added as a new site, DANTES needs your response.

- If you will stay with your current version (Internet or Windows®), no response is needed.
- If you are using the Windows® CD version and want to switch to the Internet version (or vice-versa), please send an E-mail to discover.dantes@act.org with this information:
 - Your site or base name
 - Complete address
 - POC name and position
 - POC E-mail
 - POC commercial phone and fax numbers
 - Version you want in January (Internet or Windows® CD)
- If you are not currently authorized to use DISCOVER® and are interested in coming on board in January, please contact DANTES at DSN 922-1763 or (850) 452-1763 or E-mail counseling@voled.doded.mil before 17 December 2004. New sites will be added on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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Distance Learning/Certification

DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Program news

The Distance Education and Training Council Commission has approved the following new **degree programs**:

American Military University

Bachelor of Arts in African American Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Asian Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Emergency & Disaster Management
Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies
Bachelor of Arts in European Studies
Bachelor of Arts in Middle East Studies
Bachelor of Science in Sports and Health Sciences
Master of Arts in Global Engagement
Master of Arts in History
Master of Arts in Sports Management

Aspen University

Master of Science in Information Systems

California College of Health Sciences

Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education

Catholic Distance University

Bachelor of Arts in Theology

Cleveland Institute of Electronics

Associate of Applied Science in Computer Information Technology & Systems Management

Columbia Southern University

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

Education Direct

Business Management with an Option in Human Resource Management

Grantham University

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
Master of Science in Information Management Technology
Master of Science in Information Management – Project Management
Master of Science in Information Technology

University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences

Entry-Level Flex DPT program

Western Governors University

Bachelor of Finance
Bachelor of Science in Management Accounting
Bachelor of Science in Business Management
Bachelor of Science in Professional Studies
Bachelor of Science in Marketing Management
Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics
Bachelor of Arts in Science
Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary Mathematics
Master of Arts in Teaching degree in Secondary Science
Master of Arts, Science Education

The Distance Education and Training Council Commission has approved the following new **courses**:

Allied Business Schools

Medical Terminology, Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Pharmacology (MTAPPP)
Medical Transcriptionist
Medical Coding

Australasian College of Health Sciences

Diploma in Holistic Health Practice

Institute of Logistical Management

Export Management
Import Management

International Import-Export Institute

Business Accounting Concepts
Ethics in Trade Compliance

Microsoft® MOU signed

DANTES recently signed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Microsoft®. The MOU allows military members with reimbursement programs under their Service branch (Army National Guard, Air Force Reserve, or Army Reserve) education programs to receive payment for one Microsoft® examination. For details on these reimbursement policies, refer to the DANTES Certification Program at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>.

The Microsoft® examinations are conducted only at national authorized test centers and only in computer-based-testing format. Microsoft® examinations are approved by the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) for payment under the Montgomery GI Bill.

For additional information on the MGIB certification and licensure examinations, visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov>. E-mail inquiries to certprog@voled.doded.mil.

Calendar

November

15-20	GRE Subject*
20-24	Praxis*
16-18	ASE (Overseas)**
9, 16, 18	ASE (Conus)**

December

3	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
4	LSAT
13-18	GRE Subject*

January 2005

8-12	Praxis*
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February

4	Excelsior Extended Response (Essay)
12	LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders 6 weeks before the test date. Conus test centers send orders 4 weeks before the test date. Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

**Deadline for ordering ASE exams was 17 September.

http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/04-05cal.doc

GRE Subject registration changes

Effective October 2004, all examinees taking the GRE Subject examinations must complete the “GRE Subject Test Registration Form” included in the GRE Bulletin and enter 77777 for the test center number. TCOs are reminded to also include a completed “DANTES Data Form” and “DANTES TCO/GRE Report” form for administered GRE Subject tests. The “GRE/DANTES Supplement to the Registration Bulletin” and “GRE/DANTES Subject Registration” are no longer used.

2005 CLEP Study Guide available on CD-ROM and DANTES Web site

By now, DANTES TCOs should have received a CD-ROM from DANTES that contains the 2005 CLEP Sample Tests (16th Edition) in .PDF format for electronic or printed distribution to military personnel only. The 2005 edition is also available on the DANTES Web site for access by DANTES TCOs and ATCOs only.

The CD-ROM label provides the copyright provisions for local reproduction of these sample tests. This CD-ROM also allows for installation on education center computers or on an installation network by your technical support personnel. If installed on the installation's network, access is limited to on-base personnel only.

The 2005 edition supports the CLEP eCBT computer-based tests available through national test centers and the 14 paper-based CLEP eCBT tests available through DANTES Test Centers.

If you have not received the CD-ROM, please contact the DANTES Exam Programs at exams@voled.doded.mil to request another copy.

CLEP exams recalled

With the release of the new alternate test forms for the CLEP eCBT paper-based tests in September 2004, DANTES TCOs were advised of the need to return all used and unused test booklets for the following two exams:

- Information Systems and Computer Applications (68001)
- U.S. History II (79001)

Answer sheets with these test codes 68001 and 79001 will not be scored after 30 November 2004. Take a minute and review your test inventory. If you haven't returned them, please do so immediately.

2003-2004 ACT Assessment test booklets obsolete

Do you administer the ACT Assessment? Look in your safe. If you have 2003-2004 ACT Assessment test booklets (Form 58A), they cannot be used after 31 October 2004.

To order the new form see page II-2-6 of the FY05 *DANTES Examination Program Handbook (DEPH) ACT Chapter*.

Remember, you must also return unused 2003-2004 ACT Assessment Answer Folders with the test booklets or account for them in writing if they cannot be returned. New test materials will not be sent until ACT reconciles your inventory.

Resources

Frequently asked questions about the Military Counselor Network answered

Military Counselor Network (MCNet) participants receive “breaking news” concerning military education, job postings, updates on DANTES programs, and postings from other members seeking assistance, providing information, or sharing successes, new initiatives and educational updates. MCNet is an electronic E-mail list used as a networking tool to link education center counselors throughout the world for discussions and sharing of information on education issues.

From time to time, various MCNet questions keep surfacing. For better utilization of the system, please read the following questions and answers.

Question: My E-mail address changed. How can I change it in MCNet?

Answer: Only the MCNet subscriber can change their E-mail address or other information. MCNet is programmed for subscriber to reenroll in MCNet. MCNet then accepts the new information and deletes the old. So, go to http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/counselorsupport/mcnet/index.htm and reenroll.

Question: MCNet deleted me. Why?

Answer: MCNet is programmed to track undeliverable E-mails. So, if your E-mail address changes whether due to local E-mail server changes, change in installations, or departure from employment and you do not reenroll, MCNet will

delete obsolete E-mail addresses (subscribers) that send undeliverable messages back.

Question: How do I post an item on MCNet?



Answer: Send the E-mail containing the item to mcnet@apps-server.volded.doded.mil. Your message will then be distributed by E-mail to all subscribers.

Question: Can I send attached files to MCNet E-mails?

Answer: No, this may crash another person's computer or spread a virus.

Question: How do I unsubscribe?

Answer: Send a message to mcnet_admin@voled.doded.mil.

Question: How can I send a message to the MCNet administrator?

Answer: Send a message to mcnet_admin@voled.doded.mil.

Question: What are appropriate MCNet E-mails?

Answer: Discussion topics should be limited to education or counseling issues/questions.

Question: Previously, there was an excellent E-mail about a college. How can I retrieve this message?

Answer: Since MCNet is a Listserv, the memory of E-mail messages resides on each subscriber's computer. Each subscriber controls his or her own memory with the delete key. A Listserv is different from a Web site where items are displayed and may be left for future viewing.

Question: How do I reply to a message?

Answer: If you want to reply to all MCNet subscribers, click the “Reply to All” button. If you want to reply to only the individual who sent the message, click the “Reply” button.

Military education center counselors, education services officers, and anyone within DOD who provide education counseling for Service members may register. Go to http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/counselorsupport/mcnet/index.htm and join.

National/State Advisory Councils on Military Education

DANTES is the DOD information point of contact for the national and state Advisory Councils on Military Education. These organizations promote delivery of quality education to personnel in all branches of the Military Services. ACME information is located on the DANTES Web site at http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/organizations/acme/index.htm?Flag=True.

Name	Point of Contact	Upcoming Events
Council of College and Military Educators (CCME)	Edward (Ed) McKenney, Director, Military Outreach Coastline Community College E-mail: emckenney@cccd.edu Web site: www.ccmeonline.org	CCME Symposium 7-10 February 2005 New Orleans, Louisiana
Florida Advisory Council on Military Education	Dr. Manfred F. Meine, Regional Director Troy State University E-mail: drmmeine@tsufl.edu Web site: www.fla-acme.org	Fall Conference 15-17 November 2004 Sandestin, Florida
Iowa Military Education Coordinating Committee (IMECC)	Bill Hansen, Director, Veterans Affairs Indian Hills Community College E-mail: bhansen@ihcc.cc.ia.us Web site: www.iowamilitaryeducation.org	Bimonthly Meetings; IMECC Certifying Officials Workshops, Spring 2005
Advisory Council on Education of the Military and Veterans in Maine (ACEMVM)	MSG Robert B. Haley HQ, ME ARNG Education Office, Camp Keyes E-mail: robert.haley@me.ngb.army.mil Web site: http://www.state.me.us/va/defense/acehmpg.htm	Quarterly Meetings
Council on Military Education in South Carolina (COMESC)	Wilfred Jeffcoat Midlands Technical College E-mail: jeffcoatwil@midlandstech.edu Web site: http://comesc.org	Conference 10-12 November 2004 N. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Council on Military Education in Texas and the South (COMETS)	Dr. James Antenen Wayland Baptist University E-mail: antenenj@wbu.edu Web site: http://www.sa.wbu.edu/comets/home.htm	Conference 6-8 April 2005 Corpus Christi, Texas
Utah Advisory Council for Military Education (UACME)	SMG John Strong, ESO, Utah ARNG E-mail: john.strong@ut.ngb.army.mil	None scheduled at this time
State Council of Higher Education for Virginia	Virginia Military Ed Advisory Committee Telephone: (804) 225-2600 Web site: www.schev.edu	Meetings on an as-needed basis
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From the Advisor's Desk

In the Counselor's Chair

by MGySgt James O'Keefe, DANTES Special Enlisted Advisor



MGySgt O'Keefe

Everywhere I travel, I find dedicated VoEd professionals committed to supporting our women and men in uniform. Seeing snapshots of education counseling approaches, I'm inspired by the apparent insight and sage advice available to Service members. Ms. Joan Johnson is an Army Education Guidance Counselor at Fort Bliss, Texas. Her vast and varied experience includes teaching junior high school in Rhode Island, serving as a Social Worker in Chesapeake, Virginia, supporting Soldiers through the Army Community Services, and serving Soldiers as an Education Specialist. She has been an Army Education Guidance Counselor for the past 13 years. I recently visited Ms. Johnson at Fort Bliss and asked her to share her thoughts on education counseling.

Q. What standards and approaches do you strive to apply when counseling Service members?

A. "Gear yourself to the individual. Especially upon initial contact, be gracious, be polite, and listen. What type of learner is this individual? Meanwhile, the Service member is asking him/herself, 'does she care?' A developing mutual ownership between the counselor and the Service member can be very helpful toward

focus on the educational goal. Sometimes it's not easy to care; but no one said counseling was easy.

- **Appreciate the team.** With today's dwindling resources, every member of the Education Staff is a critical asset. Treat each other with appreciation and remember to say thank you. As a team, you are all making a difference—together.



Ms. Johnson

- **Grab the tools that work.** If you're a new counselor still learning the ropes, use someone else's approaches until you develop your own. Then gradually adapt to methods that are most comfortable to you.
- **Be in the know.** Don't underestimate the value of information and referral. If you are aware of the full array of available resources, you can

provide support to Service members more often. This includes support for all aspects of development. Build your resources.

- **Take pride.** Nothing compares with the feeling that comes from knowing you've had a hand in the educational success of a Service member. When Service members find out what they're capable of through educational success, it enhances their self-esteem and general outlook on life. That's a powerful thing, and we make that possible."

Thanks to the Fort Bliss ESO, Mr. Kenneth Bonscher, for introducing me to Ms. Johnson!

Thank you for supporting our Service members!

Do you have a Success Story? E-mail ea@voled.doded.mil.

VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11

Formerly Armistice Day, commemorating the close of World War I, Veterans Day's scope was expanded to recognize the sacrifices made by those who fought all of our wars and defended our ideals worldwide. Too many paid the ultimate price, and none should be forgotten.

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